

Weekend of June 1 & 2, 2019
The Ascension of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Barona:

Mass: Wednesday through Friday. Rosary at 7:45 AM, Mass at 8:00 AM.

Weekends: Saturday, 5:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM.

Confessions: Saturday, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Adoration: 1st Thurs. of the month (6:00 PM) and 1st Fri. of the month (8:00 AM).

Viejas:

Weekends: Sunday, 10:00 AM.

Confessions: By appointment.

Sycuan:

Weekends: Sunday, Noon.

Confessions: By appointment



Gilbert Rodriguez, Carol Lane, Anita Curo, Sue Kierig, Martha Boone, A. J. Samot, Angelo Samot, Donna Berardi, Secora Nelson, Daniel Vicaldo, Kash Osuna-Sutton, Gabe Dowell, Diana Pico, Dolly Albano, Ray Mayor, Mike Montes, Bobbie Turner, Mary Whitespear, Steve and Vera Tucker, Helen Cadiente, Berniece Marrujo, Mae Guerrero, Susanna Gotell, Stephen Nolan, Agnes Ruiz, Deacon Bill Clarke, Rosario Ravasco, Minerva Mayor, Michele Nikas Beaman, Richard Nikas, Purita Amparo, Wendy Reyes, Alicia Castro, Debbie Gonzalez, Barbara Reeves, Nancy Rourke, Judy Robinson

Please check prayer list and add names as desired.

Mass Intentions – June 2, 2019

Weekend Masses:

Sunday, 8:00 AM	John and Dora Curo
Sunday, 10:00 AM	Community of Viejas
Sunday, Noon	Community of Sycuan

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Sycuan: Grades K-8, Class meet at 10:30 a.m. before Sunday Mass, High School - Wednesday at 6:30 pm , new tribal hall.

Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same

promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 8, 2019 – Sycuan, 11:00 AM Mass and Grave Blessing

Saturday, July 13, 2019 – Conejos, 12:00 PM, Mass and Grave blessing



Multicultural Mass & Festival

June 8, 2019

Cathedral Catholic High School

555 Del Mar Heights Road

San Diego CA 92130

Mass with Bishop McElroy 11:00AM

Festival of ethnic foods, cultural exhibits

Folk Dances/ Live Music 12-2PM

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN 7 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER (RCIA) SACRAMENTAL PREP

Requirements: Children must be enrolled in the appropriate grade level of the parish religious education program for two years. Godparents must be confirmed, practicing Catholics, according to Church regulations.

Additional Information: Parents and children should

be attending Mass regularly. Children will receive Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion at the Easter Vigil or on Easter morning. Parents, godparents, and the children must attend all rites and ceremonies leading up to the reception of these sacraments. Only one godparent, of the same gender as the child, is required.



The Ascension of the Lord

So, what is the deal with the Ascension? To many people, especially unbelievers, the story of Jesus ascending into heaven is just some sort of fairy tale. Even if it was true, unbelievers can only see Jesus as going up somewhere into outer space-to some hidden flying saucer.

To true believers, however, the ascension of Jesus was not just a journey into outer space, but a journey home to his Father. And, just because Jesus went to his home in heaven, we must not think that he has abandoned us-that he once lived here on earth, but has now gone back to where he really belongs. Nothing could be further from the truth.

If this was true, Christianity would be nothing more than a religion of remembrances like many other non-Christian religions, especially the one from which I came. You know, religions that believe that we only live on in the memories of our children. What a depressing thought that is! After 2 or 3 generations who would remember us?

We have to understand that, when Jesus walked the earth, he could only be in one place at a time. Now, he is present everywhere.

There is a story that says that, when Jesus returned to heaven, his Father asked him whom he had left on earth in order to carry out his mission. Jesus proudly told his Father that his friends would do it. "And", God replied, "you mean Peter who betrayed you, and Judas who sold you and all the rest of the disciples who ran

away when you were crucified? You mean to tell me that they are going to carry out your work"?

Jesus answered, "Yes, Father, they are the only ones, except for Judas". His Father said, "What is your backup plan"? Jesus said, "There is no backup plan. Either they do it or it does not get done. There is no plan B.

My friends we are the only plan that God has to bring His Good News to other people. We are His only witnesses. We are the ones with the power to show others how to go to heaven. And, if we think about it, this power that God has given us comes with an awesome responsibility-the responsibility to use His gifts to us for His glory-and not just for our own pleasures.

For example, do we use His gift of sexuality only in marriage, where it belongs or do we use it in an unholy and in an unhealthy way? Do we use the gift of our brains to help others or do we use them only to make as much money as possible, even if it means sticking a knife into the back of someone we perceive as competition? Whatever gifts that God has given us, He wants us to use them to help others see how good He is. Remember, we are His only plan.

Think of someone in the past who helped you. Think of what they said or did for you that changed you for the better-that influenced you to do some of the good things that you do today. That is all that God asks of us. It is like we are beggars showing other beggars where the food is.

Every baptized Catholic must obey the call of Christ to be his witnesses in a world that too often seems indifferent to Christ-a world that regards our faith as an "option"-an "extra"-sort of like gardening or playing baseball-you know, do whatever you like. I'm OK and you're OK.

But, everyone, regardless of their beliefs, down deep, has a spiritual hunger. They want someone to reassure them that there is something beyond our life on this earth. They want to know that there is a happy ending, despite all of our wars and famines and illnesses and, most of all, death. This is our opportunity to bring Christ and his "Good News" to them-that

there is hope, both on this earth and beyond the grave.

Remember, we must bring Jesus to others. We have no choice if we consider ourselves faithful Catholics. We must live as people who are absolutely convinced that life does have meaning; that this world, with all of its problems, is still God's world; that the most powerful force in the universe is not hatred but love-not death but life.

Like Jesus said to his Father-we are his only option. There is no plan B.

Happy Ascension of the Lord!!!